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Embassy Telegram 1077.

In addition to talks mentioned reference telegram, Forrestal saw Generals Don and Kim at home of CAS Action Station Chief evening November 25. General Kim stated that he was aware that Forrestal would be going on to Phnom Penh and added his hope that Americans would be able to find some solution to problems of Vietnamese-Cambodian relationships.

As delicately as possible, Kim inquired if U.S. was furnishing any secret support to Khmer Serei. He was assured flatly that U.S was now now and had not ever done so. He responded that Viet-Nam must know America's policy on this matter. Kim indicated GVN willing to call in Son Ngoc Thanh and tell him flatly that if he desires to remain in Viet-Nam, he must eschew all political activity. Vietnamese would then be willing to make this declaration known to Cambodian Government. Under these circumstances, however, Kim indicated that U.S. would move to assure Vietnamese that these actions would not get GVN in trouble with Thais. When asked if GVN had approached Thai Government on this subject, Kim answer was negative but he noted GVN would be willing to do so in concert with Americans. In further discussion of Khmer

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Serei it was noted if Generals wished to know full background of past government's dealings with this organization, it could probably obtain that information by questioning Dr. Tuyen. Kim readily accepted this suggestion and requested ACOs prepare interrogation guide for his use. He indicated there was some urgency in this from his point of view and that he would provide information obtained thereby. It was agreed guide would be furnished on November 26.

Kim and Don seemed to be genuinely ignorant of past GVN dealings with Khmer Serei, sincere in their protestations that they would like to improve relationships with Cambodia, and willing to follow American lead in this respect.

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